

## THE BRITISH RETIRING

### General White Reported Going Back to Pietermaritzburg.

#### Compelled By the Severe attack of the Boers on Ladysmith to Fall Back Toward the Coast.--England Orders Reinforcements to South Africa.--Boers Preparing to Shell Kimberley.

**White to Retire.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—Reports are current here that General White may retire to Pietermaritzburg while the railroad is intact.

**Heavy Boer Losses.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from Ladysmith says the Boers suffered severely during the engagement Monday, some persons estimating their loss at 900 to 1,000 killed and wounded.

**Fighting Near Ladysmith.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from Ladysmith says a battle is proceeding at the foot of Umbancane mountain a few miles from Ladysmith.

**Army Corps Called Out.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—It is learned that the war office has ordered the second army corps to be in readiness to be called out.

**British Reinforcements.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—The war office has sent the following dispatch to General Buller who with his staff landed at Capetown this morning: "Three extra battalions of foot and one mountain battery, with reserves, will leave England during the course of ten days to make good casualties."

**Bombarding Kimberley.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 31.—It is reported from Barkley West that the Boers are constructing forts around Kimberley for the purpose of shelling the town. The Natal Dutch are reported to be helping the Boers.

**The British May Retire.**  
By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—Mr. Stevens, the war correspondent of the Daily Mail, describing the engagement at Ladysmith, says: "By 10 o'clock the British had driven

the Boers back several miles, when the retirement was ordered, which Sir Archibald Hunter conducted with great skill, retiring battalion by battalion, covering the movement with the artillery of their guns by alternate batteries. The Boer artillery, field, quick-firing and siege guns, immediately opened a heavy fire all around, showing their knowledge of war by aiming at the guns and wagons as they retired. Little damage was done, however, and our operations were quite unfurried. "The troops were back in Ladysmith by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The casualties caused by the enemy's artillery were not severe. The mountain battery on the left reported it had suffered through a stampede of mules. Our artillery, cavalry behaved splendidly in difficult circumstances. Dr. Jameson and Sir John Willoughby arrived today, and were spectators of the action."

**A British Confession.**  
The battle at Ladysmith, which despite the rather heavy losses, must be regarded rather as an extended reconnaissance or skirmish than a battle, seems to make little change in the actual position. It is disappointing to the British public, as again revealing tactical skill of an unexpectedly high order on the side of the Boers.

In addition to the possession of a number of heavy guns, the transport of which causes wonderment here, they have available marvelous ability. Unless commanded by skillful European officers, it is hardly considered probable that Boer farmers would have assumed a feigned position, as they evidently did, in front of the right column with the intention of retreating from it to their real line of defense and of inducing the British to attack over a fire-swept zone.

The special dispatches describing the engagement again fail to confirm General White's official account that the Boers were pushed back several miles. When it is considered that the censorship is very severe, the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that the action was extremely inconclusive.

### ADMIRAL DEWEY TO WED.

Engaged to the Widow of General Hazen

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Admiral Dewey announced to some of his more intimate friends last night the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen, of this city. Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly chief signal officer of the army, who died about 10 years ago, and is a sister of John R. McLean, democratic candidate for governor of Ohio.

Mrs. Hazen has no children, and since her husband's death has made her home with her mother. She is a woman of large means, about 40 years of age, and popular in the best society circles of Washington. The date for the wedding has not been fixed. The admiral's first wife died in 1872. She was the daughter of an ex-governor of Vermont. One child from that marriage, a son, is now living at New York. General Hazen, the former husband of Mrs. Hazen, died January 16, 1887, and a son from their union died last year. Mrs. Hazen has long been a social favorite in Washington. She is possessed of an attractive personality, of graceful manners, and has a brilliant mind.

## BOOM PAUL VICTORIOUS

### The English Acknowledge Defeat By the Boers.

#### Choicest Regiments Are Anihilated or Captured --And By the Boers--"It is Terrible"--Says the British War Department --English Boasting in South Africa Comes to Grief--The Whole Situation Changed--The Majuba Hill Affair Repeated--Great Sorrow in Gloucestershire.

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, nothing like the staggering blow General Joubert has delivered to General White's forces yesterday was anticipated. The full extent of the disaster is not yet acknowledged, if it is known at the war office.

The loss in effect must be appalling to General White who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest British regiments and the mule battery deducted from the Ladysmith garrison weakens it about one-fifth of its total strength and alters the whole situation materially in favor of the Boers, who have again shown themselves strong fighters and military strategists of no mean order.

The disaster has already cost the British from 1500 to 2,000 men and six seven-pound screw guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than was imagined, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers. "Never was the old saying, "bird news travels quickly" better exemplified than today. By noon sorrow prevailed throughout the British metropol.

At the government office no effort was made to conceal the feeling of dismay that was prevailing. One official said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is inexplicable and I am sorry to say that the moral effect will be incalculable. We have lost heavily in many ways and had regiments all wiped out, but to have regiments captured and by Boers, it is terrible."

As the day wore on crowds around the war office were swelled to enormous proportions and at Gloucester, the home of many of those engaged, the wildest excitement prevailed.

### VICE PRESIDENT HOBART BETTER.

By Associated Press to the Journal. New York, Oct. 31.—Vice-President Hobart showed much improvement at 1 p. m. He was able to sit up in bed and took nourishment.

### THE FILIPINO ENVOY

Says Aguinaldo Will Wait for Congress to Deal With Him.

By Associated Press to the Journal. New York, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the World from London says: "Senator Antonio Regidor de Jurado, who is believed to act as Aguinaldo's envoy for the purpose of presenting peace terms to the authorities at Washington, arrived here today. When asked whether he was specifically accredited by Aguinaldo, Regidor replied that he might be so accredited before he started for Washington, which would be in November. He also said: "My latest information from the Filipino assembly is that Aguinaldo will make no move toward peace until he sees what congress intends to do. He considers it a waste of time to treat with General Otis."

### CITY COUNCIL SESSION.

Orders Temporary Pest House Removed--No More Smallpox. A called meeting of the city council was held last evening for the purpose of considering the advisability of building a permanent pest house. This is suggested in view of the fact that smallpox is said to be prevalent in many places on the Pacific slope. Dr. Pierce, the city health officer, was present and stated that while we have no existing cases of smallpox at present, it would be well to have a pest house for an emergency in some remote place, and recommended removal of the present temporary structure. Dr. Pierce reported Mr. Paiman, who has been at the temporary pest house under treatment for smallpox, as full

## NAVAL ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Preparations to call out the second army, corps taken in conjunction with the extraordinary naval activity, has again aroused the belief that the government has reason to anticipate European hostility. Still it is doubtful whether the second corps will be actually called out. That development depends on two circumstances: First, the attitude of European nations as evinced by the first furious British reverse. Second, upon the judgment of General Buller, who finding conditions not favorable as expected, may demand more troops. Should the war office decide upon raising the second corps it will necessitate calling out more reserves.

### TORPEDO BOAT WAS LAUNCHED.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 31.—Despite inclement weather the people of this city did everything possible to make memorable the visit of President McKinley who came to attend the launching of the torpedo boat Shubrick. The Shubrick was launched this afternoon.

### COL. WHOLLY MADE MAJOR.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—John H. Wholly, who rendered excellent service as Colonel of the Washington volunteer infantry, has been appointed major of the Forty-first infantry and ordered to

## ENGLISH SURRENDER

### Reported By the British Commanding General at Ladysmith.

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from General White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reports that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Mountain battery and the Gloucestershire regiment were surrounded and by the Boers, and, after losing heavily were obliged to capitulate. The casualties are not yet ascertained.

that the state would furnish transportation from here to each man's actual home, no matter where he enlisted. The state has provided free trains and subsistence. The Washington regiment will be mustered out tomorrow. About 300 men, including the Seattle companies will return home by steamer, while the others will probably go by rail.

### CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Home Rule Gradually Being Extended to Towns in Luzon and Cuba. By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Word has been received here of the further extension of civil administration in the towns adjacent to Manila. These include Paris, Taguig and Pateros, where elections have been held under the direction of the military officials in order to secure a full quota of native officers to carry on the civil affairs of the towns. An order from the Eighth army corps also directs the election of a new mayor at Iloilo, as the one formerly chosen has failed to exercise his functions of late, and is thought to have gone over to the insurgents. Upon very good and reliable authority it is stated that the president desires to establish a partial civil government in Cuba and Puerto Rico as early as possible, in order that a permanent form of government may soon thereafter be established. In accordance with this view, he is casting around for suitable men for governors, although neither will be appointed until after the census in the island has been completed.

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## YOUNG ADVANCING.

### He is Pressing North Into the Insurgents' Territory.

#### Three More Towns are Occupied--Progress Extremely Difficult On Account of the Very Wet Season--Captain French Killed in the Attack on Florida Blanco.

### Young's Advance.

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Advices to the war department today indicate that Young's column is steadily continuing its advance in spite of unfavorable conditions. Following is from General Otis: Young's advance is north and east of Cabanatuan. He will occupy Tavera and probably Allaga today. The objective is San Jose and Barriglan. The wet season has rendered the roads of that section impracticable for wagon travel and progress is difficult.

### Cabanatuan Occupied.

By Associated Press to the Journal. MANILA, Oct. 31, 8:50 p. m.—Major Ballance's battalion of the Twenty-Second infantry entered Cabanatuan yesterday, meeting with no resistance. The natives welcomed the Americans, shouting, "Viva los Americanos." The insurgent troops had fled to the mountains.

### General Bates will be appointed military governor of the Mohammedan islands, with headquarters at Jolo, until Zamboanga is occupied. General Fred Grant will command General Bates' brigade.

### By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—A cablegram from General Otis announces the death today of Captain Charles French, of the Thirty-sixth infantry, who was wounded in yesterday's fight at Florida Blanco.

All Woodmen and their wives are invited to attend at A. O. U. W. hall Friday evening—Masquerade and entertainment. All Woodmen and Pacific Circle ladies and their friends are invited. Good music and whist for those who do not dance.

### WHEAT MARKET.

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